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1. Many USIA employees believe that long-term Soviet orders indicate that the Soviets intend to retain several USIA plants in the post-treaty period. Communist employees of USIA suggest that the Soviets will claim these plants, should the Austrian government fail to meet payments on its \$150,000,000 debt.*
2. Meanwhile the Soviets continue to ship surplus stocks of finished products, and almost all current production of USIA firms to the USSR. They are particularly interested in the procurement of spiral drills 4 mm in diameter and larger. The Soviets have prohibited the sale of electric light bulbs and plywood on the Austrian market. Five of twenty-five Fiat trucks which are produced monthly are allocated to Austrian consumers. The Soviets are continuing the dismantling. They are now removing all the machinery of the Wiener Leichtmetallwerke G.m.b.H., Liesing, except where blasting is necessary. The Elko-Metallverarbeitung G.m.b.H. is reselling to Siemens-Nibelungengasse for 24,000 schillings a large electric switchboard installed during the war by Siemens. The actual value of the switchboard is estimated at 80,000 schillings.

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some USIA plants are to be held six years after the treaty is concluded; the Soviets will return USIA firms on installments coinciding with payments made on the debt to the Soviets, holding the most important plants until the debt is cleared.

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